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**TEST-CUTTING TARGET FOR EDGED-WEAPONS PRACTICE****Abstract of the Disclosure**

Embodiments of the present invention are improved targets suitable for cutting with an edged  
5 weapon. In an embodiment the target may be a traditional straw mat target held together by a  
hydraulic binder composition. In yet other embodiments, the target may be made of multiple layers  
of synthetic materials to give different properties. One embodiment is a target with an inner portion  
and an outer portion. The outer portion may be selected from a material that gives the appropriate  
initial cutting properties while the inner portion provides a cutting resistance. In addition, shaped  
10 targets having multiple differing cutting surfaces are disclosed, as is a method for creating a target to  
simulate a predefined sequence of cuts.

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